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Permission to the Communist Party to install a mike in connexion with the recent bye-election at Gudiyattam.

* 85 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Gudiyattam, refused to give permission for the installation of a mike to the Communist Party to make propaganda for the bye-election recently conducted there, stating that he would give permission only to those parties whom the local Congressmen recommended?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Has it come to the notice of the Government that the news about the refusal of permission to the Communist Party for the installation of a mike for the said purpose was published in responsible papers in Tamil Nad? If so, what action have the Government taken on the matter? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know which papers the hon. Gentleman considers as responsible papers and which ones as irresponsible papers."

Fixation of basic pay for the sanitary workers under Cannanore Municipality.

* 86 Q.— Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any recommendation from the Commissioner, Cannanore Municipality, Malabar, in the year 1953 to fix Rs. 15 as minimum basic pay for the sanitary workers under the municipality; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The proposal was sanctioned."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to sanction to the municipal council the funds necessary for paying the increase in the basic pay to the sanitary workers of the Municipality? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The proposals made by the Commissioner regarding the pay and special allowances for sanitary workers have been approved by the Government."

Boundary disputes common to Madras, Andhra and Mysore States.

* 87 Q.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government of India invited the representatives of Andhra, Madras and Mysore Governments to discuss matters connected with boundary disputes common to the three States in the month of April 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to the starred question No. 1167 of Sri K. Vinayakam, M.L.A., given in this House on 9th August 1954."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" May I know whether any general policy was formulated at that conference? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There was no such conference."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether the Government of Madras are sincere and honest about solving this problem or whether they are simply holding a carrot before a hungry donkey? Or, as a Tamil proverb runs 'அழுகிற பிள்ளைக்கு வாழை பழம் காட்டுவது போல்,' are they simply stating everyday that we are going to get a Boundary Commission, at the same time, leaving us to our fate in the Andhra State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If the hon. Member is characterising himself as a donkey, I protest against that. (Laughter.) I may assure the hon. Member that we are as sincere as anybody else in solving this question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I point out that 'holding a carrot before a donkey' is a well-known idiom in the English literature and that that I am not characterising myself or anybody as a donkey? "

* 88 *Q.*—

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, this question may be taken up to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already received answers to a number of questions. If I am to postpone questions in this way, it is not possible to place all the questions before the House."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" This is a very important question, Sir. So, I request that it may be taken up tomorrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" All right. It will be taken up to-morrow."

Raising the status of Tamil teachers in High Schools.

* 89 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from Chidambaram Tamil teachers in July 1954 requesting the Government to raise the status of Tamil teachers in High Schools by placing them on a par with teachers of other subjects and for other relief ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?